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SUMMARY: PORTUGUESE AND GUINEA-BISSAU REPS ACTIVELY CONTACTING
SC MEMBERS. BRITISH HAVE INDICATED TO US POSSIBILITY OF
THEIR ABSTENTION IN GUINEA-BISSAU ADMISSION VOTE. END SUMMARY

1. PORTUGUESE ACTING PERM REP (DA COSTA LOBO) CALLED ON UK
PERM REP RICHARD JULY 1, TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF GUINEA-BISSAU
UN MEMBERSHIP. DA COSTA LOBO REFERRED TO A PRESS COMMUNIQUE
ISSUED BY THE GUINEA-BISSAU OBSERVER MISSION JUNE 28,
FOLLOWING SIMEDO MEETING WITH WALDHEIM (USUN 2292 NOTAL).
ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE, GUINEA-BISSAU WOULD APPLY FOR
MEMBERSHIP "DURING GA". DA COSTA LOBO REPORTEDLY TOLD
BRITISH THAT THIS COMMUNIQUE TENDED TO DISCOUNT, IN PORTUGUESE
EYES, POSSIBILITY OF IMMINENT SC APPLICATION.

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2. BRITISH TOLD DA COSTA LOBO THAT THEY WERE NOT AS

OPTIMISTIC ABOUT DELAY, AND SUGGESTED THAT ONE MEANS WHEREBY
GOP COULD GIVE OTHERS "LEGITIMATE" REASON TO URGE
DEFERRAL WOULD BE TO ANNOUNCE SHORTLY THAT NEGOTIATIONS
WITH PAIGC WERE REOPENING. (BRITISH, IN FACT, HAVE HEARD
RUMORS THAT TALKS ARE TO RESUME IN TWO WEEKS, AT UN-
SPECIFIED VENUE). BRITISH ALSO SUGGESTED TO DA COSTA LOBO
THAT PORTUGUESE THEMSELVES BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN GUINEA-
BISSAU MEMBERSHIP QUESTION.

3. BRITISH HERE HOPE, SOMEWHAT NAIVELY PERHAPS, THAT ISSUE,
ONCE BROUGHT TO SC, MAY BOG DOWN IN SC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE,
WHILE PAIGC NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE WITH LISBON. WERE VOTE ON
ADMISSION TO BE HELD "TOMORROW", HOWEVER, BRITISH MISOFF
SAYS THAT IT "ALTOGETHER CONCEIVABLE?" UK WOULD ABSTAIN.

4. BRITISH HOPE TO HAVE WORD FOR US LATER IN WEEK ON MEETING
WITH SUARES AT SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (REFTEL).

5. MEANWHILE, GUINEA-BISSAU OBSERVER SEMEDO CALLED ON
AUSTRALIAN PERM REP (MCINTYRE) JULY 2, AND HAS REQUESTED
MEETING WITH AUSTRIANS. SEMEDO TOLD MCINTYRE THAT
GUINEA-BISSAU WILL PRESENT REQUEST FOR SC CONSIDERATION
THIS MONTH, BUT THAT DATE NOT YET SET. SEMEDO SAID THAT PAIGC
NEGOTIATIONS WITH PORTUGAL WERE BROKEN OFF DUE TO GOP'S
INSISTENCE ON REFERENDUM. MCINTYRE REPORTEDLY TRIED
TO DELAY SEMEDO'S ADMISSIONS BID, SAYING PREMATURE MOVE
MIGHT LEAD TO "PROBLEMS", BUT SEMEDO COUNTERED, TELLING
MCINTYRE HE WOULD PRESS ON, WOULD TAKE "ALL RISKS", AND
THAT ADMISSION WOULD BE VICTORY "FOR ALL PORTUGUESE PEOPLE".

6. KENYANS CALLED US JULY 2 TO ASK OUR VIEWS CONCERNING
PROBLEM, COMMENTING THAT APPLICATION DURING JULY WAS
VIRTUALLY CERTAIN.
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